

July 5, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
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RE: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (H. 3659) Proceeding Related to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC and S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-30 Related to Electrical Utilities and Their Current Voluntary Renewable Energy Program, and Such Other Proceedings Required by the Commission

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC Comments on Procedural Schedule

**Docket Numbers: 2019-207-E (Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC)
2019-208-E (Duke Energy Progress, LLC)**

Dear Ms. Boyd,

Pursuant to the Commission Directive, dated June 26, 2019, in Docket No. ND-2019-11-E., Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP,” and together with DEC, the “Companies” or “Duke”) are hereby providing the Commission with comments related to the procedural schedule of the above-referenced dockets. The Companies have also attached to this letter a table outlining their proposed procedural approach in all recently-opened dockets implementing Act 62.

Pursuant to your letter entered on June 18, 2019, in the above-referenced dockets, the Companies intend to notify the Commission as to whether the Companies have a voluntary renewable energy program on file that conforms with the requirements of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-41-30 on or before August 2, 2019. In this filing, the Companies plan to address their voluntary renewable energy program filed on October 10, 2018, in Docket No. 2019-320-E, which is currently pending before the Commission. The Companies believe it would be premature to set any further procedural deadlines in this matter until the Commission reviews the Companies’ August 2, 2019 filing.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Sincerely,



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Attachment

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**Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC
Proposed Procedural Schedule**

Docket Number	Docket Description	Procedural Schedule/Notes
2019-185-E (DEC) 2019-186-E (DEP)	Proceeding to Establish Standard Offer, Avoided Cost Methodologies, Form Contract Power Purchase Agreements, Commitment to Sell Forms, and Any Other Terms or Conditions Necessary (Includes Small Power Producers as Defined in 16 United States Code 796, as Amended) - S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-20(A)	<u>DEC/DEP Direct Testimony</u> (on the standard offer, avoided cost methodology, form contract power purchase agreements, and commitment to sell forms): August 14, 2019 <u>Intervenor/ORS Direct Testimony</u> : September 11, 2019 <u>DEC/DEP Rebuttal Testimony</u> : October 2, 2019 <u>Intervenor/ORS Surrebuttal Testimony</u> : October 11, 2019 <u>Hearing</u> : Week of October 21, 2019
2019-195-E (DEC) 2019-196-E (DEP)	Proceeding for the Commission to Establish Reasonable Guidelines to Ensure Reasonable Interconnection Timelines, Including Time Requirements to Deliver a Final System Impact Study to All Interconnection Customers that Execute a System Impact Study Agreement - S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-460-(D)	The Commission should request comment from interested parties by December 2, 2019.
2019-207-E (DEC) 2019-208-E (DEP)	Proceeding Related to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-30 Related to Electrical Utilities and Their Current Voluntary Renewable Energy Program, and Such Other Proceedings Required By the Commission	DEC and DEP will file a letter with the Commission by August 2, 2019 notifying the Commission as to whether the Companies have a voluntary renewable energy program on file that conforms with the requirements of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-41-30. After reviewing this filing, which will address the Companies' voluntary renewable energy program pending in Docket No. 2019-320-E, the Commission should consider further a procedural schedule.
2019-210-E (DEC) 2019-211-E (DEP) 2019-180-E (generic)	Proceeding for the Commission to Review the Community Solar Programs Established Pursuant to Act 236 of 2014 and to Solicit Status Information on Existing Programs from the Electrical Utility S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-40 (B)(1)	DEC and DEP will file a report with the Commission by July 18, 2019 outlining the Companies' existing community solar programs and proposing any new community solar programs. The Commission should require updated reports on existing community solar programs and any proposals for new community solar programs by Dec. 9, 2019.
2019-182-E (generic)	Proceeding Initiated Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20(C) to (1) Investigate and Determine the Costs and Benefits of the Current Net Energy Metering Program and (2) Establish a Methodology for Calculating the Value of the Energy Produced by Customer-Generators	No immediate further action is required by Act 62. DEC/DEP propose that Parties file with the Commission comments on a schedule and use of Technical Workshops proposed by Vote Solar by Dec. 2, 2019 for further Commission consideration and encourage interested parties to discuss and agree, if possible, on a schedule prior to the Dec. 2, 2019 filing.
2019-224-E (DEC) 2019-225-E (DEP)	Proceeding Related to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-37-40 and Integrated Resource Plans	DEC and DEP will file updated IRPs this fall as scheduled and comprehensive IRPs compliant with Act 62 on Sept. 15, 2020. No rulemaking is required under Act 62 and it is premature to require one before the utilities are allowed to file IRPs compliance with Act 62.